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COVID-19 testing spot changed at HCC

HOLYOKE – Starting Friday, Nov. 6, the location of free drive-through COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College will shift to parking lot H near the western entrance to the Donahue Building.

The change is being made to prepare for the cold weather months, according to the Holyoke Board of Health.

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HCC opens 2021 registration

HOLYOKE – Registration is now open for January and spring 2021 semester classes at Holyoke Community College.

HCC's two-week January term, called Winter session, begins Mon., Jan. 4, and runs until Fri., Jan. 15. The spring 2021 semester begins Mon., Jan. 25.

HCC will also once again be offering two additional "flexible" start dates for the spring semester. Spring Start II classes begin Feb. 16 and run for 12 weeks. Spring Start III classes begin March 29 and run for seven weeks. All spring classes conclude by Wed.,

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Wildlife program next Wistariahurst presentation

HOLYOKE – On Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m., Wistariahurst will host Birds and Wildlife of Massachusetts, presented by Patti Steinman of Mass Audubon. This live, virtual program is free and open to all, but pre-registration is required.

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E.N. White adjusts to the quiet setting

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HOLYOKE – The E.N. White Elementary School is open and operating during this time, though there are some changes as everything is being done completely remote. There are no in person learning opportunities, though teachers are able to work from their classrooms.

"Everybody is here, it's eerily quiet because there are no kids," Principal Jacqueline Glasheen said. "It's funny though cause when you go down the halls you can hear teachers and paraprofessionals teaching on screen. I can visit everyone's classroom from my office, I'm doing the exact same as I would but from my computer."

Glasheen explains that she likes to organize herself and her things to do on Friday, so come Monday her week is put together and she's focused. Something that different besides not having kids in the building, is that when Glasheen meets with teachers she's finding ways to be supportive and help them with anything they need for online learning. In regard to online schooling, she and her staff learn new things every day.

"When we were work-



The E.N. White School hopes to get back to this type of in-person at some point during the school year. But remote learning remains in place at this time.

Submitted photo

ing from home the work never ended, now we come in at 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m." Glasheen said. "I try to get as much done here and not take it home. I feel I have better structure, and teachers have better structure when we're here."

Glasheen said the school is working toward going hybrid, as they want students to be back in school, but they are subject

to the numbers of COVID-19 cases.

As of right now the building has around 60-65 people in it, but everyone stays in their classrooms, offices, and other areas. If there is an area with more than one staff member in it, they are separated by six or more feet. During the Halloween season two staff members passed out carmel

apples to each teacher, as a way to say thank you to the staff and to celebrate in a time where they can't be together.

As for online learning, teachers are more prepared and have more opportunities to learn more skills for online teaching.

"It's like night and day,

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Further COVID restrictions now in place throughout city

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HOLYOKE – Governor Charlie Baker announced a new set of guidelines for cities to follow as of Friday, Nov. 6, these guidelines include a stay at home advisory between 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., along with restaurants and package stores needing to stop selling products at 9:30 p.m.

The new guidelines placed statewide are similar to the first few phases of the state's re-opening plan, as officials are trying to slow the curve all across the state. Holyoke has recently been listed in the red category for three consecutive weeks and has reverted to phase three, step one.

As of Oct. 26, the city has prohibited indoor theaters and performance venues, roller skating rinks, trampoline parks, obstacle courses, laser tag, and escape rooms from operating.

Business such as driving schools, gyms, libraries, museums, arcades, and indoor/outdoor recreation businesses to reduce their capacity by 40 percent. These are in place to help combat the rising numbers.

Originally the city reduced outdoor gatherings at public setting or venues to 50 people, but the recently updated guidelines limit these gatherings further to 25 people. Indoor gathering were reduced to 10 people by the order of Governor Baker, with all gathers indoors or out needing to end by 9:30 p.m. Fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit.

There is also a new mask mandate where people need to wear a mask while in public, even if they're standing six feet or more from the general public. Masks must be worn at all times while out-

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Online Soldiers' Home tribute successful

HOLYOKE – In honor of Veterans Day, the Holyoke Soldiers' Home Coalition has created an online virtual tribute to honor and remember veterans who died from COVID-19 while under the care of the Soldiers' Home as well as veterans at the home who died from other causes during the pandemic.

The Coalition tribute can be viewed at <https://www.holyokesoldiershomecoalition.org/in-tribute>

With consent from family members of the veterans, the Coalition included images, a short narrative, and a link to a funeral notice or obituary for the public to learn about the veteran's life and service to the nation.

The Coalition will also include photos and information on any current veteran resident who is at the Soldiers' Home. To date, the Coalition has documented the names of 32 veterans whose family members have confirmed died of

COVID-19 while residents of the Home and another 5 veterans who died from other causes. In addition, the Coalition tribute lists one current resident of the Home.

"Our Coalition hopes the public takes the time this Veterans Day to remember all of these veterans – all were sons and daughters of our Commonwealth who left home at an early age to serve our great nation. For those who have died during this pandemic, we ask that you think not only of their passing but also remember the glory of their spirit."

Family members of any veteran who died from COVID-19 while under the care of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke or of current residents who would like the veteran's name listed should contact the Coalition by sending an email to holyokesoldiershomecoalition@gmail.com.

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Holyoke Hummus pivots to its roots on the road

HOLYOKE – This month Holyoke Hummus celebrated four years since opening the restaurant on High Street in Holyoke. We opened with great momentum from two years on the road with our food truck the Great Garbanzo. Unfortunately since lock down there has just not been enough traffic to justify keeping the restaurant open.

“Not to worry” says John Grossman, Owner, “We are not going anywhere! We will be keeping the space on High Street for catering and to cook for the Great Garbanzo and the Little Chickpea. For the first time ever we will be serving on the truck through the winter so your supply of hummus and falafel will be uninterrupted.”

The Cafe closed on Oct. 16.

Holyoke Hummus has secured a spot at 236 Pleasant Street in Northampton and will be parking there Wednesday through Saturday 12-7. The truck will still be available for special events and



catering. We will still offer delivery through Doordash and convenient online ordering is available at holyokehummus.com. Stay tuned for what sandwiches, sauces, salads and soups will make it on board.

“We love being from Holyoke. We love serving in Holyoke and we really love being on High Street. The best way for us to honor the support and commitment we have felt from the community here is to listen to the numbers and plan a strategy for success. It doesn’t have the same romance as directly serving the High Street community but it will allow us to meet our obligations to individuals, banks and vendors who have all invested in our success,” Grossman added. “We love being on wheels. We can bring the safest possible version of “going out to eat” right to our customers.”

For more information, please contact Dawn Cordeiro at 413-225-1755 or visit holyokehummus.com.

Holiday hours, requirements announced for Holyoke Mall

HOLYOKE – The 2020 holiday season is already shaping up to be a year like no other, which is why Holyoke Mall is announcing new hours and initiatives to make this holiday season safe, magical and memorable for everyone.

Earlier this year, retail marketing experts accurately predicted that retailers would encourage consumers to start their holiday shopping earlier by extending exclusive deals throughout the season in lieu of the traditional high-trafficked Thanksgiving/Black Friday kickoff. Holyoke Mall’s Marketing Director, Lisa Wray, said many of Holyoke Mall tenants are following the trend.

“We are seeing the early deals and shoppers and are encouraged by many of our tenants’ plans to break up the traditional, one-day-only, Black Friday rush,” said Wray. “The spreading-out of sales and deep discounts throughout the entire holiday season should help minimize lines and crowds.”

Holyoke Mall has been a leader in taking concrete steps to ensure the safety of guests and employees by following guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the State of Massachusetts and the City of Holyoke.

Guests will be greeted with a wide range of safety and sanitizing policies and procedures, all designed to make Holyoke Mall as safe as possible for its employees, tenants and guests. They include:

- Face Mask Requirement: Everyone visiting Holyoke Mall will be required to wear a face mask, covering their mouth and nose, in accordance with Massachusetts State and CDC guidelines. Face masks must be worn while both inside and outside of Holyoke Mall.

- Social Distancing: All guests will be reminded to maintain social distancing and stay 6-feet apart with visual reminders placed throughout the center, along with one-way directional signage to avoid contact with other guests.

- Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitizing: Holyoke Mall has enhanced its cleaning and sanitizing of the common areas and numerous touch points, restrooms, seating areas, and food court. This includes using CDC-recommended disinfectants designated as effective against SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with or exceeding CDC sanitation guidelines.

- Proactive Touchless Disinfecting: Holyoke Mall’s cleaning team will be utilizing new electrostatic sprayers, lever-

aging the same technology used to clean hospital rooms to sanitize its center using an approved disinfectant recommended by the CDC.

- Hand Sanitizer Stations: Hand sanitizer stations will be available at:
- Digital directories throughout the property

- Food court areas
- Throughout the common area

- Curbside Pickup: In addition to in-store shopping and dining, several restaurants and stores are offering curbside pick-up including 110 Grill, Uno’s Pizzeria & Grill, American Eagle, Hollister, Hot Topic, Target, Macy’s, Best Buy, Sumo Japanese Steakhouse and more. Shoppers are encouraged to contact their favorite retailer to see if curbside is offered.

- Daily Health Screenings for Holyoke Mall employees, security, housekeeping employees and all contractors.

Masks and social distancing will continue to be required to enter the property and guests are encouraged to follow the center’s Healthy Shopper Guidelines which include:

1. Face masks, covering both mouth

and nose, must be worn by everyone while inside or outside of Holyoke Mall.

2. Refrain from touching your nose, mouth and eyes.

3. Keep a safe distance from other people, a minimum of 6 feet.

4. Stay to the right and follow the one-way traffic arrows throughout the property.

5. Wash your hands with soap and warm water frequently and for at least 20 seconds.

6. Use hand sanitizer stations located throughout the property.

7. Avoid standing in lines and keep a safe distance from other people.

8. Avoid touching products you do not intend to purchase.

9. Please assess your health before visiting. Avoid entering this building if you have, or recently have had, symptoms associated with COVID-19: a temperature greater than 100.00°F, cough, body aches, rash, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, etc.

10. Avoid entering our property if you, or anyone you have been in close contact with, has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been placed in a quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19.

Business holding holiday food drive

HOLYOKE – One of Holyoke’s newest businesses, The Wealth Transition Collective, is pleased to announce that beginning Nov. 16 to 20, they will be hosting a food drive to benefit Margaret’s Pantry here in Holyoke in honor of ‘National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week’.

Folks can drop off their non-perishable and canned foods during office business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at their newly renovated office, 1632 Northampton Street, Holyoke. Weather permitting, there will be a drop-off table outside the front door for easy accessibility. Additionally, folks are welcomed to drop off their canned and non-perishable foods at the Greater Holyoke Chamber, 177 High Street, Holyoke, on Wednesday, Nov. 18 between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the most needed items at the pantry include canned goods (soups, stews and vegetables), pasta and sauce, baking mixes, granola bars and kid-friendly items. Margaret’s Pantry, a division of Providence Ministries for the Needy, is a full-service food pantry that has provided food to residents of greater Holyoke for over 30 years. Presently, the pantry provides food to upwards of 180 families each month and approximately 72,000 meals a year are distributed to

the needy in the community.

“When we decided to move our firm to Holyoke, we wanted to have an immediate impact in the community. The Providence Ministries for the Needy has been doing that in Holyoke for decades. Supporting their cause and the people they serve helps us create that impact,” said Greg Sheehan, CEO of Wealth Transition Collective.

Chamber Executive Director, Andréa Marion adds, “The Wealth Transition Collective is one of our newest members and their active dedication to the greater Holyoke community is impressive. We are beyond thrilled to be able to offer a donation location and help our members in every capacity. As a former Director for a food pantry, I understand how crucial food drives are – especially as the colder months wear in. Hunger and homelessness are a major effect on our community, and this is an amazing way to build awareness to this cause.”.

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Disaster loans available for businesses

ATLANTA, Ga. – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and private nonprofit organizations in Essex, Middlesex and Worcester counties in Massachusetts as a result of frost occurring May 6 through June 2, 2020.

“These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in

New Hampshire. The Small Business Administration recognizes that disasters do not usually stop at county or state lines. For that reason, counties adjacent to primary counties named in the declaration are included,” said Michael Lampton, acting director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East.

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Except for aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3 percent for small businesses and 2.75 percent

for private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov and should apply under SBA declaration # 16676, not for the COVID-19 incident.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than May 17, 2021.

Library to present series on engineering

HOLYOKE – Like science? Are you curious about how engineering affects your future? You’re invited!

Public libraries and members of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) from across the country are participating in an exciting virtual engineering experience this November called Dream, Build, and Create. It is an introduction to engineers and engineering for people of all ages, especially families and children.

This inspirational program offers people a free film screening of the award-winning documentary Dream Big: Engineering Our World on Nov. 10, 14, 17, and 24.

Here are the links and passcodes to view the English, Spanish, and Closed-Captioned versions of Dream Big: Engineering Our World for free on select dates.

Nov. 10:
English: <https://vimeo.com/463655567>. Password: dreambignov10

Closed Captioning available by clicking the CC icon on the lower right
Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/463459829>. La contraseña: dreambignov10

Nov. 14:
English: <https://vimeo.com/463655567>. Password: dreambignov14

Closed Captioning available by clicking the CC icon on the lower right
Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/463459829>. La contraseña: dreambignov14

Nov. 17:
English: <https://vimeo.com/463655567>. Password: dreambignov17

Closed Captioning available by clicking the CC icon on the lower right
Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/463459829>. La contraseña: dreambignov17

Nov. 24:

English: <https://vimeo.com/463655567>. Password: dreambignov24

Closed Captioning available by clicking the CC icon on the lower right
Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/463459829>. La contraseña: dreambignov24

In addition to the film, ASCE is organizing several virtual panels in November where patrons can join live conversations with our Dream Teams of young, diverse engineers. Check below for these panel discussion dates.

Dream Teams
Women in Engineering will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. EST, <https://youtu.be/WD2jtYSOZ0Q>
Cities of the Future will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. EST, <https://youtu.be/KQNwelsFcMA>
Black Engineers will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 – 6:30 EST, <https://youtu.be/W7Hh0uvzgok>

El Futuro se Diseña/The Future is Designed (Spanish Language) will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. EST, <https://youtu.be/utrE8fLhuo8>

Chats with Change Makers featuring Avery Bang will be held on Friday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. EST. Sign up for the secure link here: <http://bit.ly/AveryChatNov20>. Please note - everyone will need to sign up for the secure link for this event.

Engineering Extravaganza will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 4 p.m. EST <https://youtu.be/RWXpG48xBIo>

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is partnering with the STAR Library Network (STAR Net) and its Project BUILD engineering program. Project BUILD is supported by the National Science Foundation.

Watch the film Dream Big: Engineering Our World online at any time on the specified date. The code is good for a 24-hour period.

Big E offers vehicle heated winter storage

WEST SPRINGFIELD – In response to number of inquiries, Eastern States Exposition will now offer heated winter storage for boats, cars, trailers and motorcycles, in addition to unheated storage, inside and outside.

Drop-off dates are Nov. 12 and 13 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no drop offs Veterans Day 11/11.)

Spring pick up dates are: Thursday, March 18, 2021 for unheated and outdoor storage; Thursday, April 1, 2021 for items stored in a heated building. Once vehicle is dropped off and stored, it must remain in storage until the designated date.

- Heated storage--\$800 per boat, car or trailer, 24 ft. and under
- Inside unheated storage--\$500 per boat, car or trailer, 20 ft. long and under.
- Motorcycles--\$225.
- Outdoor storage--\$250 per boat, car or trailer, 30 ft. long and under
- \$325 for items more than 31 ft. in length

- There is no outdoor storage for motorcycles.

Terms & Conditions:

- Payment must be made in full upon registration
- All items are measured from tip to tip which includes any attached motors, platforms, racks or ladders
- When tongue length exceeds 5’ the additional length will be included in the overall length
- No Goosenecks
- \$100 a day will applied to every item remaining after spring pick-up dates. (No later than April 1 for unheated inside or outside storage; April 9 for inside heated storage)
- For details and to make your reservation, contact the Exposition’s Sales department by phone at 413-205-5018 or via email to dbohaboy@TheBigE.com.

Visit www.TheBigE.com or ESE Winter Storage for complete information.

Mater Dolorosa School announces 2020 first quarter honor roll

4th Grade - First Honors
Isabel Bennett, Anthony Giannetti Jr., Maxwell Johnson, Brenna Lemieux, Benjamin Lopez, Liam Rivera, Avrianna Rodriguez, Benjamin Theroux

Second Honors
Abigail Moore

5th Grade - First Honors
Masen Cruz, Eliza Curran, Grace Garrant, Anna Wesloski

Second Honors
Mona (Oisin) Andrews, Eoin Balicki, Sean Hall, Gavin Kukucka, Rachel Rondeau, Nevaeh Vieira


6th Grade - First Honors
Emma Chateaufneuf, Nicholas Johnson, Katelyn Krause, Gerald Moreau, Jefferson Wood

Second Honors
Malachi Guidi, Isaiah Isa, Henry Koziol, Timothy Loughrey

7th Grade - Honors
No names to post

8th Grade - First Honors
Cooper Skibel, Brendan Stevenson

Second Honors
Vanessa Antil, Jack Loughrey, Aiden Pares



Submissions are always welcome.

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Foundation aims to assist vets with PTSD

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AGAWAM – There is a local resource for veterans at the One Call Away Foundation’s Agawam facility, where they offer resources and help for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The founder, David Sutton calls these centers empowerment buildings, as they help those how need it most.

The Agawam empowerment building is open Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Additionally the One Call Away Foundation has the support and resource of the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, to help veteran’s and their families. The foundation specifically aids in PTSD awareness and further aids in the prevention of veteran suicide. The foundation’s goal is to help make the general public aware of PTSD and to work for the prevention of veteran suicide by offering a hotline for veteran’s in distress, provide financial support when needed, and anonymous peer support.

The foundation holds events to help raise funds for their programs and further helping those in need, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. The foundation recently held two raffles, where all net proceeds were to benefit the Holyoke Soldier’s Home. One raffle had tickets for \$10 and the other had tickets for \$20, with both prizes being picked on Nov. 7 on Facebook Live. The One Call Away Foundation makes updates on their social media page, including fundraisers, raffles, and informing veterans of other resources available.

The empowerment center recently had a large donation of perishable foods that veterans could pick up, having a variety of dairy, meat and fresh foods. The foundation advertised this event on their social media as well, any veteran looking into the One Call Away Foundation should visit their Facebook Page for updates. Veterans are encouraged to stop by the empowerment building in Agawam for any help they may need.

It’s important for veterans to know about the One Call Away Foundation as well as the Empowerment Center, that includes local or out of town veterans at any age and any background. The main goal of the empowerment center and the foundation behind it; is to help as many veterans as possible, in as many ways as possible.

The empowerment center focuses on both physical and behavioral health for veterans and offers programs to help, they have licensed volunteer health care professionals that help to run programs and provide medical help if needed. The empowerment center also offers anonymous meetings for individuals or in groups, to give veterans a sense of security. Veterans of all branches are encouraged to visit or call the Agawam empowerment building at 104 South Ramah Circle or 413-367-8738. For more updates and information on the One Call Away Foundation people can visit the foundations Facebook Page or their website.

Melton to deliver industry talk

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke History Room will present The Newton Brothers: Building Industrial Holyoke 1862-1899, a virtual talk with Will Melton, on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

Four sons of a lumber entrepreneur from Greenfield, Massachusetts, played an outsized role in making Holyoke the nation’s Paper City after the Civil War. As mill builders, financiers, manufacturers, real estate men, and inventors, the Newtons were rarely far from the action in Holyoke’s economic boom. When the first signs appeared in the 1880s that canal-side mill sites and cheap sources of wood pulp for their mills were vanishing, the brothers looked to the Deerfield River valley of southern Vermont. By building a narrow gauge railroad into the steep mountain glens, they harvested saw timber and wood pulp to feed their Holyoke paper factories. In his talk, Will Melton will explore the full range of the Newtons’ dynamic careers and show how their entrepreneurship intersected with national trends.

Speaker Will Melton of South Hadley is a sometime historian who recently published his father’s account of life aboard Liberty ships during World War II. His talk, postponed from an earlier date, draws on Newton family documents and photographs as well as the archives of the Library’s History Room. The talk is free, but pre-registration is required.

Poetry Corner

Two, Just Two

By Thomas J. Kennedy

God – One
Others – Two
Then You . . .
Now what about You?

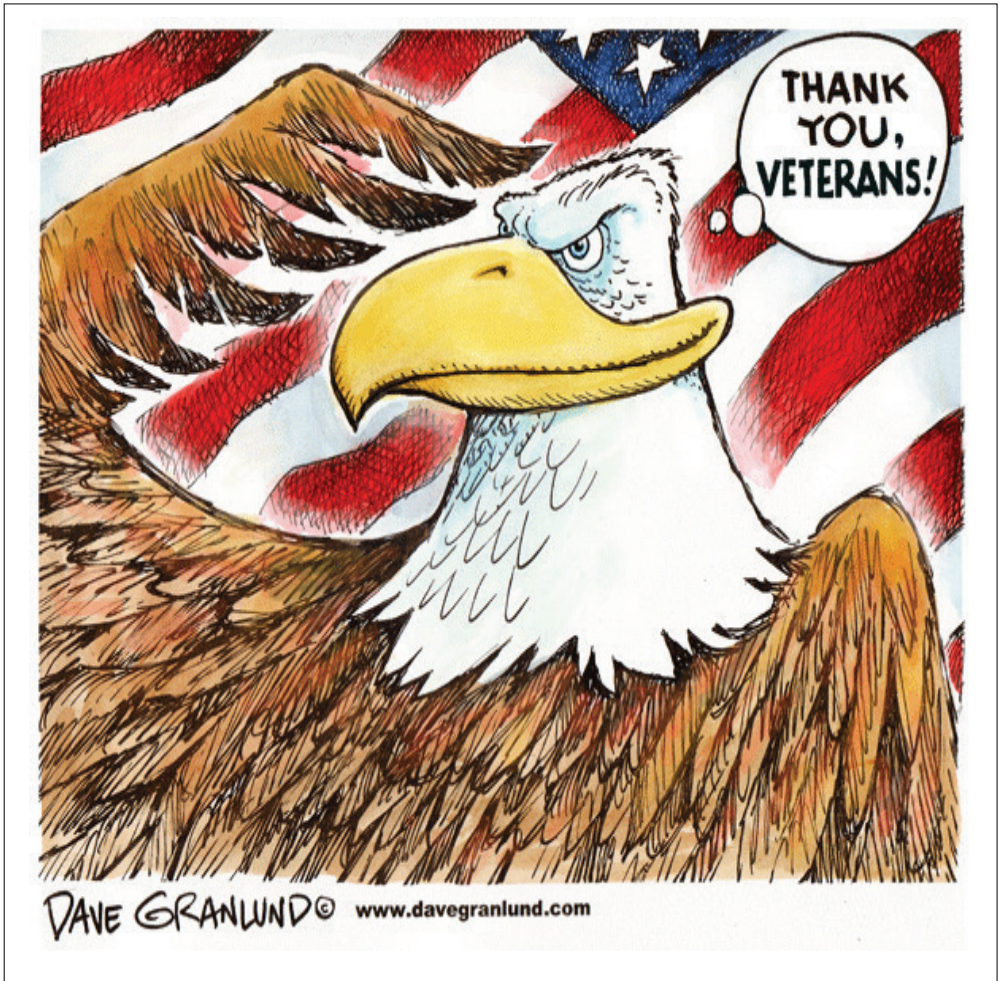
You have to have inner life
But that is a Gift
You never know if, and when,
You will receive it.

We must put others first
And be sincere in undertakings
Your values people centered and uplifting
The most difficult time.

For the teenager should be best year of their
life,
Too much loss.
Fun, happiness, rock & roll, silly notes
and slogans – “Dig It.”

For the children – goes off the chart!
All one can do is treasure empathy
And heartfelt help and support them toward
goodness.

Peace, Love and Joy.



Guest Column

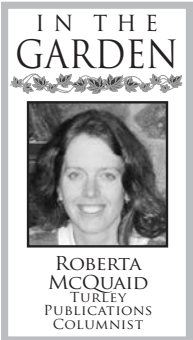
It takes a few months to conceive a healthy orchard

I have really enjoyed the apple harvest this year! While my trees are too young to be good bearers, it’s been fun eating lots of different apples from the local orchard. My favorite are the antique varieties. This year I had the good fortune to be able to purchase both Roxbury and Golden Russet, Winter Banana, Caville Blanc and Baldwin. While I set out with a plan to buy enough to get me through the winter, I typically eat them in record speed and schedule a return trip to the orchard just a few weeks later. These old apples bring me so much enjoyment, I really need to consider adding a few more trees to my home orchard.

Perhaps eating your favorite varieties have inspired you, also. If so, this is the column for you. The key to successful home apple orchards appears to be forethought. Purchasing fruit trees should not be an “impulse buy.” Ask yourself the right questions now and you will be in good shape once spring planting rolls around.

What variety do you want to grow? While I like heirlooms, you may prefer some of the newer, disease- resistant types. Or maybe you want apples that span the seasons, say Paula Red to start, Honey Crisp for mid-stream and Gold Rush to finish it off. Perhaps you’d like to make cider or bake lots of pies. There are apples that are specifically suited to how you’d like to use them.

My favorite place to buy trees by mail order is through Fedco in Maine. Call 207-426-0090 or log on to fedcoseeds.com/trees



to request their “Trees” catalog. You will glean lots of useful information within the pages of this catalog. I am thrilled to know that they are grafted on site and accustomed to our climate.

How tall to you want your trees to get? Apple trees are available in dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard size. Their ultimate size is determined mostly by the rootstock onto which the named variety is grafted. Each has their pros and cons. Dwarf trees can generally be maintained without a ladder. They come into bearing sooner but because of their size produce fewer apples than larger trees. Staking and irrigation are often necessary, because of limited root systems. They can be planted relatively close together (six to eight feet) and are generally short-lived. Semi-dwarf trees are midsized, bear well and are most productive for two or three decades. They are usually spaced 12 to 14 feet apart from one another. Standard, or full-size trees are those beauties of our grandparents’ era. Extremely hardy, many are still around and might even be bearing fruit! Plan on 18 feet or more between trees, with a mature height of 15 to 20 tall!

Where will you plant them? With the size of the trees determined, you can now figure out how many will fit in the space designated for your home orchard. The best spot is one that receives six to eight hours of full sun per day. Deep, well-drained soil is ideal; never plant where you know the water table is high. In my opinion, a few trees positioned close to the house will be main-

tained better because they are in eye-shot as compared to those placed strategically out in the back-forty. They tend to nag you as you walk by: “Time to prune!” “Why are those leaves curled?” What is that orange spot?” You get the idea.

Is my soil any good? Fall is a great time to take a soil test. First, slice a six inch core of soil from your intended orchard with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry. Repeat several times and mix the cores together. Then, measure out a cup of soil to send to the lab. If the locations you plan on planting your apple trees vary considerably, test them separately. Official directions and an order form are found on <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The standard soil test is \$20. Mention on the test that you are growing apples and pH and fertilizer recommendations will be specific to that crop.

You can do something this fall to make planting easier next spring. Mark out where your trees are to go and dump a generous amount of compost on top of the grass in a circle three feet in diameter. This will start to break down the sod and get the microbes in the soil working.

With the planning part behind you, it will be a lot of fun to await the arrival of your trees come springtime.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekenney@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

What happens if younger wife is the higher earner?

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty: I’ve seen examples of how to maximize Social Security, but I’ve never seen an analysis for our situation. I’m 61 and my wife is 57, but she has been the primary breadwinner, while I just barely made eligibility. Our plan is for me to start at age 62 (\$500 a month) and then switch to my spousal benefit at age 74, when she starts her benefits at age 70 (her benefits should be \$2,500 a month). Are we missing anything? We are both in good health with an average life expectancy but there is a very good

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

chance my wife will exceed the “average.” Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: Well first, be aware that Social Security’s rules are “gender neutral” – that is, the rules are the same regardless of which of you is the higher earner. That said, you and your wife seem to have a good strategy, for with her as the higher earner with the highest benefit, maximizing her Social Security payment by waiting until age 70 is an excellent plan. Since her longevity outlook is very good, she should get the most in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting. Your plan to claim at age 62 is also prudent if you will not be working full time.

That’s because if you claim before your full retirement age (FRA), you’ll be subject to an earnings test, which limits how much you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits.

If you exceed the earnings limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit and take back benefits equal to that amount. For example, if you were collecting Social Security this year the earnings limit is \$18,240. If you earned \$25,000, you’d be \$6,760 over the limit and Social Security would take back bene-

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WHOA! outdoor adventures park re-opened for activities

REGION – Mia Santos-Izak, Director of the Woronoco Heights Outdoor Adventures, announces November fun with the Western Massachusetts Council’s popular WHOA program. Last month, over 70 youth and their families converged on Moses Scout Reservation’s 1300 acres of wilderness for a day of fun and adventure. Groups from around the county, including Agawam, Springfield, Granby and other towns enjoyed a sunny fall day of activities ranging from Amateur Radio programs to mountain biking to tomahawk throwing.

With the COVID-19 hiatus over, WHOA’s director says their adventures will continue on Saturday, Nov. 14 beginning at 9 a.m. Visitors can expect to experience such exciting activities as tomahawk throwing, five miles of mountain bike trails (participants need to bring their own helmet), geocaching, nine hole disc golf course, tomahawk throwing, scavenger hunt bingo, escape rooms and

much more. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions the registration cost for all these activities remains at \$10 per person, regardless of age.

Regarding the COVID-19 regulations, Director Santos-Izak also advises all participants and WHOA staff that various modifications to the usual WHOA programs have been instituted. Participants will be required to pre-register and prepay on-line at; <https://www.wmascouting.org/WHOA202011>. No walk-ins or onsite registrations will be permitted. Additionally, registrations will be limited to the first 85 people and participants will be asked assemble into groups of twelve or fewer individuals. Typical social distancing will be practiced with mandatory face coverings required at all times whether outside or when in enclosed areas. A full list of WHOA’s COVID-19 modifications are found on their website at <https://www.wmascouting.org/WHOA202011>

Each month Woronoco Heights

Outdoor Adventures presents activities taking advantage of the Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation’s 1300 acre camp, a few minutes from I-90 Exit 3, at 310 Birch Hill Rd. in Russell MA. Opening at 9 a.m. and going until 3 p.m., the fee for the Nov.14 WHOA is only \$10 per person. The ever-growing list of activities are open to all. One does not need to be a Boy Scout to take part in a WHOA Saturday. Families, children, teens, adults, clubs, teams and others may participate. All proceeds benefit various improvement projects and programs at the Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation. More WHOA information may be found at; <https://www.wmascouting.org/WHOA> to preregister on line see; <https://www.wmascouting.org/WHOA202011>

WHOA’s director states, “It’s late fall in the hills of the Berkshires so guests are suggested to be prepared and dress warmly by wearing layers of clothing. Wear what will keep you warm, sneakers are really a “no, no” as the ter-

rain may be rocky, muddy or even icy. Sturdy footwear will help keep one’s feet warm and provide better support over uneven terrain. However, for those who might get chilled, the camp’s trading post will be open under a limited guest capacity.” As Director Santos-Izak exclaims, “WHOA! Rain, snow, or shine it doesn’t get any better than this!”



Archery is one active being offered at Woronoco Heights. Submitted photo

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fits equal to \$3,380. And at your \$500 monthly benefit rate, they would withhold benefits for seven months to recover what you owe. And that’s true until you reach your full retirement age when the earnings limit goes away (born in 1959, your FRA is 66 years and 10 months).

At your FRA you would get time credit for any withheld months, but if you’re planning on that Social Security income starting at age 62, and you’re still working, the earnings limit could derail your benefit income plan. Of course, if you won’t be working after you claim early benefits, the earnings limit doesn’t apply.

And for clarity, your wife’s earnings from working don’t count toward your personal earnings limit, and the limit goes up considerably in the year you reach your FRA. If you plan to continue working and the earnings limit is an issue, you might choose to wait until your FRA to claim your benefit. By doing so you would avoid the earnings limit, and you would also assure that you would receive the full 50% of your wife’s FRA benefit amount when she claims.

If you claim at age 62, your spousal benefit (when your wife claims) will be less than half of your wife’s FRA benefit amount because you claimed your

own benefit early. Your spousal benefit will consist of both your own (reduced) benefit and a spousal boost to bring you up to your spouse benefit amount. When your wife claims at age 70, your spousal boost (the difference between your full FRA benefit amount and half of her FRA benefit amount) will be added to your own (reduced) early Social Security benefit, yielding a spousal benefit less than half of your wife’s FRA benefit amount. The only way you can get the full 50% spouse benefit is to wait until your own FRA to claim your own Social Security, and later get the higher spouse benefit for the rest of your life.

In the end, your health, financial need and life expectancy should be the primary factors considered when deciding when to claim.

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door or at indoor gatherings. With the exception of children under the age of five, other those with a medical condition. There has been an increase in cases statewide, and there have been more than eight cases per 100,000 residents in each testing period for Holyoke.

It is important for residents to stay diligent while following these new guidelines, as it will help to decrease cases within the city. Also the city is continuing their Stop the Spread test sites, encouraging people to get tested when they can. The test site was moved to Lot H near the Donahue Building at

Holyoke Community College, operating hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Stay at Home Advisory allows for certain exceptions, including to leave to go to work or school, seeking emergency medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up take-out food, or receiving deliveries. Also, people should refrain from hosting or attending gatherings, even with family as case numbers rise. Residents are encouraged to check the city website, and the Board of Health’s page for more information or further updates.

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we’re more prepared in the office, and teachers are more prepared.” Glasheen said. “We had time to prepare where in March we did not. The availability is there and the quality of teaching is there.”

The Holyoke School district has ensure that kids have access to wifi and computer’s for the online semester, providing kids with computers in some schools.

The school is using Google

Classrooms as learning platforms, both teachers and paraprofessionals are working hard to provide quality learning to their students. Glasheen says it’s a positive environment at E.N. White School, the teachers are calm and patient with students and parents as online learning continues.

“People are doing the best we can with what we have.” Glasheen said. “Things are going well, and I’m happy that people here are positive and understanding with parents and students.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dutch word for “language”
5. Popular music style
8. Body part
11. Largely dry valleys
13. Brew
14. Ancient Greek sophist
15. Where rockers play
16. Human gene
17. One point east of northeast
18. Adversary
20. Small cask or barrel
21. About ear
22. Benign tumors
25. In a different way
30. One charged with a crime
31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
32. Long, narrow straps

33. Passover
38. Ottoman military commander
41. One who does not succeed
43. Data
45. 3D image
47. Whale ship captain
49. Japanese title
50. Made of wood
55. Yoke
56. Exercise system
57. Supreme being
59. Playing card with three spots
60. Hostelry
61. Spiritual leader
62. Single lens reflex
63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.
64. Thomas ____, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

1. Shuttered airline
2. Swiss river
3. Port city in Yemen
4. It can be straight
5. Tennis player’s tool
6. Estranged
7. Garden archway
8. Assists
9. Grain crop
10. Millisecond
12. U.S. Founding Father
14. Small, deerlike buffalo
19. Easily manageable
23. Male parent
24. Nearsightedness
25. Patriotic women
26. Decorate a cake with frosting
27. __ fi (slang)
28. A joke rooted in wordplay

29. Attack violently
34. Keyboard key
35. __ juris: independent
36. Corporate executive (abbr.)
37. Adult female bird
39. Pertains to knowledge
40. Pashtoes
41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
42. To be fired from a gun
44. A way to position
45. __ process: produces ammonia
46. Follow instructions
47. Humanistic discipline
48. Throw
51. Swiss river
52. American hate group
53. Actor Idris
54. Seizes
58. Baseball stat

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New formula releases schools from 'red' status

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Fall sports will conclude over the course of this week and next week. Many schools, like Agawam, built a schedule that had teams finishing in the first or early in the second week of November in order to build in time to make up games before the Nov. 20 cutoff date.

Thanks to a revised formula by the state government, however, further shutdowns of most high school sports should be avoided.

Unfortunately, a few schools called it quits for the season before the formulas were re-done.

Last Friday, a revised formula to gauge “high-risk” communities for the spread of coronavirus was released. The result was every community outside of Springfield being removed from high-risk or “red” status.

A number of school temporarily shut down sports due to high-risk status, including Monson, Palmer, Amherst, Granby, Chicopee, and Minnechaug.

Minnechaug and Palmer were nearly shut down for extended periods of times, but the new metrics allowed the schools to both return to action earlier this week.

Unfortunately for a couple of schools, the new numbers came back too late.

Granby, which shut down its fall sports for a minimum of two weeks on Oct. 29, made the decision at the end of last week to discontinue the fall season.

Holyoke, which had to end its fall season on Oct. 22 after three weeks in the “red,” called off its season once it had been in the red for three weeks.

Chicopee and Minnechaug had to postpone a num-



Holyoke field hockey had more games to be played before three weeks of red status cancelled the remainder of their season.



Holyoke girls soccer was playing well in its bubble. Holyoke hopes to be able to participate in winter sports.

ber of games at the end of last week. As a result of the revised formulas, those games have the opportunity to be made up.

West Springfield, which plays in a bubble with Agawam, can also resume sports if it wishes.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David



Holyoke boys soccer played its last game on Oct. 21.

Stratton said a number of schools that have lost games due to COVID-related shutdowns. He said in situations like Holyoke where they have shut down their sports, teams in their bubble try to find other games.

“The goal for most sports like soccer, field hockey, or volleyball was to have at least 10 contests,” said Stratton. “In most bubbles, you play everyone twice.

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Early indications show winter season can be played

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REGION – Guidance issued by the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has opened a path for winter sports to be played.

Combined with the revised method in which towns and cities in Massachusetts will be measured for risk of COVID-19 transmission, there are indications that basketball and hockey as well as swimming and indoor track will be allowed to have limited competition.

Back in the summer, the sports of basketball, football, lacrosse, and hockey were listed as high-risk sports because of sustained close contact that would likely result in COVID-19 transmission.

Soccer was also part of that designation. This caused summer basketball, soccer, and lacrosse leagues to be cancelled.

Soccer was eventually removed from the high risk designation and games were allowed to be played with modified rules during the high school season.

Basketball and hockey are still considered high-risk, but the EEA guidance allows for limited competition to be played. That limited competition will more than likely be the type of “bubble” play that fall sports were played under. The bubbles are geographic in nature, and have worked out rather well.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association had to cancel the fall tournaments and has also moved to cancel winter tournaments, but the EEA

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Despite delayed season, Thunderbirds support cancer cause

SPRINGFIELD – Today, the Springfield Thunderbirds announced they will be supporting Hockey Fights Cancer Month throughout the month of November, with an added assist by New Valley Bank who will be donating \$2,500 to the cause. Founded in 1998 by the National Hockey League and the National Hockey League Players’ Association, Hockey Fights Cancer (HFC) unites the hockey community in support of cancer patients and their families.

Throughout the month, the Thunderbirds will collect names on social media from fans for people they “fight for.” New Valley Bank & Trust has committed to donate \$5 for each submission received to the Thunderbirds’ Foundation, for the first 500 submissions. At the end of the month, the

Thunderbirds’ Foundation will make donations to the NHL’s Hockey Fights Cancer charity, along with several local cancer-related organizations. In addition to the \$2,500 contribution from New Valley Bank, the Thunderbirds will also be collecting monetary donations on their foundation website, as well as holding a specialty game-worn jersey raffle from previous events.

“Hockey Fights Cancer has been an incredibly important cause for our organization and across the AHL and NHL. We are grateful to New Valley Bank to step up and support this cause with us. I can’t wait to see all of the ‘I Fight For’ signs downtown this month, but also look forward to a time where these donations and research can help lead to a cure for cancer,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa.

The Springfield Thunderbirds have remained engaged in the community despite the delay to the AHL season, which was recently pushed to February 5th, 2021. In a traditional season, the Thunderbirds would be recognizing Hockey Fights Cancer month by hosting a game dedicated to the cause, complete with signature Lavender-themed jerseys and a post-game auction to raise money for the campaign. In the absence of the game this year, the organization will be activating on social media and throughout the community by encouraging fans to share who they fight for. As an added visual element to the campaign, all names submitted will be posted on “I Fight For” placards at the New Valley Bank & Trust branch at Monarch Place in downtown Springfield for the month of November.

“Local businesses and families are fighting through the pandemic and New Valley is right by their side. We can’t think of a better way to make a positive contribution to the community as we approach the holiday season than to support Hockey Fights Cancer,” said New Valley Bank & Trust President and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Sullivan.

Individuals interested in supporting the campaign can submit a name for someone they fight for on the Thunderbirds Facebook page and Instagram account, or by filling a placard out in person at the newly-opened New Valley Bank & Trust lobby at Monarch Place in downtown Springfield. Individuals can also contribute to the Thunderbirds’ Foundation directly: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3391100>.

Tryouts announced for Pioneers

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An open house for younger ages can be scheduled upon request.

Developmental Academy: players born in 2013-2015

First Kick: players born in 2016

Tryouts will be held from Nov. 16 to Nov. 20 at Lusitano and Ana Dias Middle fields. There are various tryout

times for age groups and more information can be found at www.westernunitedpioneers.com. This registration session will allow you to complete contact information, and sign up for participation. Please read through each page carefully to ensure that all information is provided accurately.

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Turley Sports joins Instagram

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your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections in the coming weeks, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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But we would pick up a third game against a team in our bubble if we needed one to get to 10.”

With COVID formulas changing, teams should be able to have enough time to finish up the fall season without much difficulty. When the fall season wraps up on Nov. 20, winter sports will be able to begin the following week.

Colangelo Classic postponed to 2021

PHOENIX, AZ (Nov. 4, 2020) – Today, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced the postponement of the third annual Air Force Reserve Jerry Colangelo Classic originally scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2020 to December 18, 2021. A premier college basketball showcase hosted at the home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury in downtown Phoenix, the one-day quadruple-header was to feature Gonzaga vs. Texas Tech, Arizona State vs. BYU, San Francisco vs. Grand Canyon, and Northern Arizona vs. San Diego.

“The Basketball Hall of Fame has been proud to host the Jerry Colangelo Classic in Phoenix the past two seasons and we’re obviously disappointed the global pandemic has forced us to reschedule our 2020 event,” said John L. Doleva,

President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “Nonetheless, we have every intention of returning in 2021 and are very excited to utilize the many recent arena enhancements to offer our fans a fantastic experience.”

The Air Force Reserve Jerry Colangelo Classic is one event in the Hall of Fame’s series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. Several events have been canceled or rescheduled due to COVID-19. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and will make every effort to return to its variety of live events in 2021.

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guidance shows hope for a modified basketball seasons within the bubbles teams will play in.

With the winter season set to start at the end of the month, basically on time for a normal winter season, and set to go from December to Feb. 21, it is not yet known how many contests could be played during that period of time. Basketball and hockey seasons are typically 18-20 games, but the desire to limit contact could limit the number of contests allowed.

Also, due to the fact the sports are

played indoors, it is possible fans could be banned from most ice hockey arenas and school gymnasiums.

One sport that will only be allowed to practice and have zero competitions is wrestling. Wrestling is deemed to have too much close sustained contact to be allowed to have competitions between schools. It is unknown if wrestling will be moved to the “bubble” season like football, or if it will be cancelled altogether.

The MIAA and Department of Elementary and Secondary education are in the process of coming up with rule modifications for basketball and hockey, which will be coming in the next month.

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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paul N Trudell of Holyoke, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Paul N Trudell of Holyoke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2020.
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 05, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
11/13/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD20C0185CA
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Victoria Rose Kenyon
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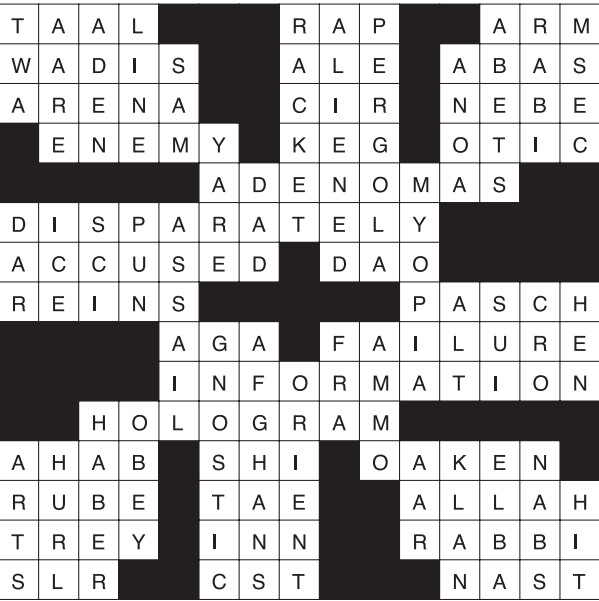
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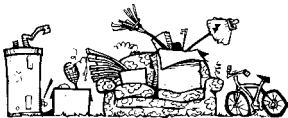
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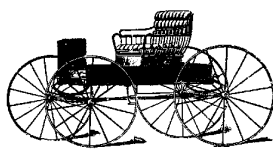
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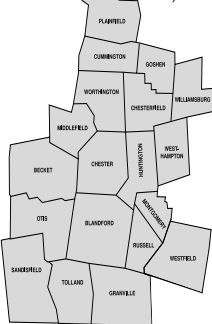
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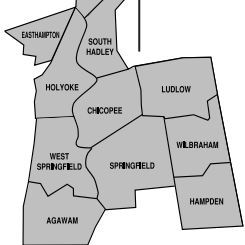
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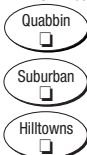
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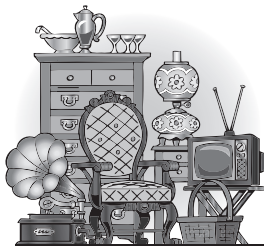
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This program has been specially designed to address the needs of area seniors, many of whom continue to be socially isolated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is supported through a Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19

Grant to address, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic that is administered through the Holyoke Office of Community Development and has been planned in consultation with the Holyoke Council on Aging. Additional support has been provided through NEH CARES Act funding granted by Mass Humanities.

To register for Birds and Wildlife of Massachusetts or any future programs, please visit www.Wistariahurst.org or contact Eileen Maginnis at the Holyoke Council on Aging at maginnise@holyo-oke.org. If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to be considered for a future Wistariahurst session, please contact info@wistariahurst.org.

Future virtual programs will focus on a diverse range of historical and cultural topics including programs on nature, art, history, travel, and social justice. Upcoming presentations are set to include invasive worms in New England, the labor movement and women's organizing in local factories, and the history of Holyoke's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

HCC, from page 1

May 12.

"Our flexible fall start dates were very popular with students who were not ready to begin classes at the traditional time in early September because of uncertainties surrounding the pandemic," said Mark Hudgik, HCC director of Admissions. "For spring, we wanted to again offer flexible start dates to give students as many opportunities as possible to either begin or continue their college educations."

Because of ongoing concerns related to COVID-19, HCC will continue to offer the majority of its classes remotely through the 2021 spring semester.

Like most colleges, HCC started remote instruction in mid-March after the COVID-19 pandemic forced campus closures. This fall, all HCC classes are being offered in one of three formats: online,

blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Winter session and spring semester classes will follow these same formats:

Online courses offer a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with real-time scheduled class meetings via videoconference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus. For the most part, this format is limited to health science programs that require clinical labs, such as nursing, radiologic technology, veterinary technician, and medical assistant. Last month, HCC also started offering some of its culinary arts classes face to face in the kitchens of the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute on Race Street in downtown Holyoke.

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TESTING, from page 1

Hours and days of operation will not change. Testing will continue at least through the end of December.

HCC has been serving as a "Stop the Spread" drive-through testing site since Aug. 26 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Previously, testing was conducted in parking lot M near the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation.

Drivers are now being asked to enter

the campus from Homestead Avenue, then turn left onto the Campus Road and proceed to parking lot H. There will be signs and parking attendants on site to manage the flow of traffic.

A map with the new traffic pattern and testing site location is posted on the Holyoke Board of Health website: <https://www.holyoke.org/hcc-covid-testing-site-to-change/>.

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More information on all of the Stop the Spread test sites across the state can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

SOLDIERS, from page 1

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